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Pedro crewmembers were: (AG) Capt Roy M. Litzen, (CP)

Russell T. Birmingham, (HM) Sgt Earl S. Wright, (MT) TSgt

Grady J. Mullins.

SAFETY OF OPERATION

Det 6 received a monthly Explosive Safety Survey administered by the 3TFW. In addition, a self-survey was accomplished by the Safety Officer and Safety NCO. On 24 September 1970, Major Frank Harris of Headquarters, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service conducted a Safety Survey with no major deficiencies noted. There were no ground or flying accidents or incidents during this quarter.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The training program for this quarter was extensive. This was due to a heavy personnel turnover. Major Elmer Funderburk Jr, Detachment Commander, completed training and was upgraded to Aircraft Commander on 26 July 1970. Capt Roy M. Litzen was upgraded to Instructor Pilot on 4 Sep 70. Capt Russell T. Birmingham began upgrade training to Aircraft Commander. At the end of the period covered by this report, Capt Birmingham's training was 85% completed. Sergeant James W. Warf was upgraded to Instructor Helicopter Mechanic and at the present time is training Sergeant Allen G. Morten as a Helicopter Mechanic. Sergeant Morten's training is 90% completed. Captains Birmingham and Troolin were upgraded to Co-Pilots. 1stLt John W. Mack was also upgraded to

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both uninjured. Pedro 95 then returned to Bien Hoa Air Base with the O-2 pilots and the mission was terminated at 1940Z, 5 Aug 70. The crewmembers of Pedro 95 were (AC) Major Elmer Funderburk Jr., (CP) Capt Richard S. Dunlap, (FF) SSgt George W. Tatum, (FF) SSgt Harry Bryant, (MT) SSgt Glenn A. Mumpower.

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Detachment 6 was alerted on 11 Aug 70 at 1430Z by the control tower that a crewmember on board a C-141 on the east end of Bien Hoa Air Base, had been wounded during an attempted hijacking. Pedro 95 was launched at 1435Z and arrived in the area less than one minute later. However, due to poor communications, the location and status of the injured victim were not immediately known. It appeared that the outgoing transmissions from Pedro 95 were not being received by the personnel on the FM crash net at the scene. UHF transmissions with the tower were good, but the tower was evidently unable to quickly relay to the on-the-scene commander. Almost ten minutes later it was monitored that the victim was out of the aircraft and awaiting evacuation from the east ramp. An approach and landing was quickly made and the victim was loaded on the aircraft at 1445Z. Pedro 95 lifted off and arrived at the 24th Evacuation Hospital at 1455Z. The victim was immediately taken into surgery and Pedro 95 returned to Bien Hoa Air Base, RVN. The mission was terminated at 1510Z. The